

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (previously presented): A mower according to claim 14, wherein an inner section of the blade in the radial direction has no cutting edge and is formed as a disk.

Claims 4-6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (previously presented): A mower according to claim 14, wherein at least an outermost cutting edge (22) in a radial direction is aligned essentially parallel to the ground in the operating position.

Claim 8 (previously presented): A mower according to claim 14, wherein the base plate (19) is substantially flat and parallel to the rotational plane of the blade.

Claim 9 (previously presented): A mower according to claim 14, wherein the base plate (19) extends from a front to approximately a middle of the blade housing.

Claim 10 (canceled).

Claim 11 (previously presented): A mower according to claim 14, wherein the base plate has at least one outer recess (27) in a region providing an inlet to the blade.

Claim 12 (previously presented): A mower according to claim 14, wherein the blade housing has a lateral discharge opening (24) for the cutting material and the base plate (19) at least partially extends under the discharge opening.

Claim 13 (previously presented): A mower according to claim 14, wherein the blade housing has an open back relative to a direction of travel.

Claim 14 (previously presented): A mower comprising a blade housing (11), in which a blade (12) rotates about a vertical rotational axis (13) in a rotational plane, which, in an operating position, is essentially parallel to a ground surface, so that for movement of the mower in a mowing direction (17), cutting material is cut from the ground surface corresponding to a diameter of the blade, a front region (18) of the blade housing in the mowing direction (17) is partially covered by a base plate (19), which runs between the blade and the ground surface, and the blade has in a radial direction at least two cutting edge regions (20, 21, 22) with different cutting heights.

Claim 15 (original): A mower according to claim 14, wherein a cutting height of the cutting edge regions (20, 21, 22) decreases in steps at least in sections from inside to outside in the radial direction.

Claim 16 (original): A mower according to claim 15, wherein at least one cutting edge region (21) of the blade (12) extends diagonally downwards and outward in the radial direction.

Claim 17 (original): A mower according to claim 16, wherein, in the operating position, the at least one cutting edge region extends at an angle between 15° and 45° inclined to the ground surface.

Claim 18 (original): A mower according to claim 14, wherein at least one cutting edge region (21) of the blade (12) extends diagonally downwards and outward in the radial direction.

Claim 19 (original): A mower according to claim 14, wherein the blade has a stepped profile at least in sections in the radial direction, such that an inner cutting edge region (20) with reference to the rotational axis is provided with a higher cutting height, and an outer cutting edge region (22) is provided with a lower cutting height.

Claim 20 (original): A mower according to claim 14, wherein the base plate (19) is shaped similar to a radial profile of the blade.